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TAGS: IR IZ PFOR

SUBJ: LATEST IRAN-IRAQ BORDER CLASH

REF: TEHRAN 1735

1. IRAN-IRAQ BORDER CLASH REPORTED REFTTEL, WHICH APPEARED FROM RADIO BROADCAST MIGHT POSSIBLY ESCALATE INTO SERIOUS AND SENSITIVE SITUATION, PLAYED IN LOW KEY IN PRESS OF MARCH 5. SEMI-OFFICIAL KAYHAN FRONT PAGED SMALL ITEM STATING AN EXCHANGE OF HEAVY ARTILLERY AND MACHINE GUN FIRE ERUPTED BETWEEN IRANIAN BORDER GUARDS AND IRAQI FORCES IN QASRE SHIRIN AREA IN NORTHWESTERN PART OF KERMANSHAH (WHERE THERE IS HEAVY POPULATION OF KURDS). ACCORDING TO SOURCES (READ GOI OFFICIALS), THE "BATTLE" WAS PROVOKED BY IRAQIS SHELLING IRANIAN BORDER POSTS. ARTICLE STATES TEAM OF REPORTERS AND PHOTOGRAPHERS HAS BEEN SENT TO SECENE. SIMILAR ITEMS APPEARED IN PERSIAN PRESS.

2. CHARGE AND POLCON, IN MEETING WITH FOREIGN MINISTER KHALATBARI
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LATE AFTERNOON MARCH 4, FOUND HIM RELAXED OVER INCIDENT. HE
STATED AS FAR AS KNOWN THERE NO CASUALTIES. MFA CHIEF 4TH
POLITICAL DIVISION, DR. MINAI, INFORMED EMBASSY GOI VIEWED CLASH
AS MINOR INCIDENT. PERSIAN PRESS REPORTS THAT PROTEST NOTE MAY
BE SENT IRAQI GOVERNMENT.
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